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FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOGNITION MADE Text of Bevin's Note to Chou En-lai BITTERNESS IN TAIPEH

London, January 6.
Great Britain extended full diplomatic recognition today to the Chinese Communist government.

The first major Western power to recognise Mr. Mao Tse-tung's Red regime as China's legal Government, Britain severed relations with Chiang Kai-shek's hard-pressed Nationalist administration.

The Nationalists promptly replied from Chiang's Taiwan headquarters with a note breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain.

Other Western European powers were expected to quickly follow Britain's lead. An authoritative Danish source says Norway, Sweden and Denmark probably would announce joint action soon, simultaneously, in the three Scandinavian capitals.

The announcement by the Foreign Office and British recognition was on a *de jure* basis. That is, Britain accepts the Peking People's Republic as the Government of China in law, as well as in fact. The Nationalist Ambassador to London, Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, was notified in advance on Thursday night that, as a result of the British action, he and other diplomatic representatives of Chiang Kai-shek are no longer recognised in London.

Britain was the fourth nation out of the Soviet orbit to recognise the Chinese Communists. India and Pakistan, both members of the British Commonwealth, and Burma already have taken that step.

Nationalist envoy denounces move

London, January 6.
Nationalist China's Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, today denounced British recognition of the Chinese Communists as a mistake and said his Government received its knockout blow "not from her foes, but from her friends and former Allies."

At a press conference at Portland Place in London's West End which has housed the Chinese Embassy since 1876, Dr. Cheng said the British action was "equivalent to burying us while we are still very much alive."

He said "I am a true friend of Britain and I sincerely believe the decision is against Britain's real and higher interests. History will show this to be true."

Reviewing his period of office as Chinese Ambassador to Britain since 1946, he said: "I was specially selected by my Government with the primary object of deepening our friendship with the British people. I believe I have done my duty."

Dr. Cheng said he was still at the disposal of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government and could not foretell what his future would be. He said "I belong to no party and have never taken part in politics. I am a lawyer, and I should like to live in England. If I am made a free man but I have still to await orders from my government."

He would make no comment on the reports that he might be

The Weather

At 0000 GMT (2 p.m., HKST) the depression centred about 400 miles NW of Tokyo has descended and is moving rapidly NE. From it a trough extends SW across the Loochoo, Tropic region, high over China and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh ENE winds, fine at first, partly cloudy during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 60°, min. 50°. Fall 10 mm. Gales. Rain 10 mm.

Barometric 1020 mb. 1023 mb. 1022 mb.

Wind Velocity 10 m.p.h. 10 m.p.h. 10 m.p.h.

Wind Direction ESE N. SE. E. Wind Force 11 10 knots.

The British Foreign Office said it has formally advised Communist Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chou En-lai, of its desire to establish diplomatic relations.

Text of Note

The Foreign Office announced said the Note handled to Mr. Chou En-lai by the British Consul-General in Peking offered to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Peking government.

The Foreign Office said this was the text of the Note handed to the Communist Foreign Minister:

"So I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, having completed their study of the situation resulting from the formation of the Central People's Government of the Central People's Government of China and observing that it is now in effective control of by

for the greater part of the territory of China, have this day re-confirmed that Government on the part of the Chinese Government of China.

"In these circumstances His Majesty's Government, in response to Chairman Mao Tse-tung's proclamation of October First, 1949, are ready to establish diplomatic relations on a basis of equality, mutual benefit and mutual respect for territory and sovereignty and are prepared to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Central People's Government.

"Pending the appointment of an Ambassador, Mr. J. C. Hutchison (Charge d'Affaires in Nanking) has been nominated as His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

"Accordingly I have the honour to request that you will receive him and treat him as a business man in that capacity, and further that he may be granted all necessary facilities for the transfer of himself, his staff and the archives of His Majesty's Embassy from Nanking to Peking.

"(Signed) Ernest Bevin, His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Foreign Office announced that the Consul-General at Peking had been instructed to inform Mr. Chou En-lai that the British government has withdrawn its recognition from the Nationalist Government and that Minister of State Hector McNeil had informed the Nationalist Ambassador in London of that action on Thursday night.

Acknowledgment

of facts

Britain's decision to recognise the Chinese Communist Government in Peking, officially announced today, is based on the acknowledgment of the existing facts, the Foreign Office spokesman commented, adds a Reuter despatch from London.

He said that the Peking Government now has fulfilled the conditions required for recognition in international law of being a stable authority with definite frontiers in actual control of virtually the whole of its thusmam.

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It has been the repeatedly declared policy of the British Government not to intervene in the war in China but what greater intervention could there be than giving recognition to the Communist regime at this moment?

Homage to force and violence is very dangerous, particularly in view of the present world situation.

Dr. Cheng said "History will show that the Chinese Reds was not the real and higher interest of Britain. It is equivalent to burying us whilst we are still very much alive and history will say that China has received her knockout blow, not from her foes but from her friends and former Allies.

In a statement issued at the conference he said: "In spite of what has happened you may be sure that one day you will need us again as the history of the closing and reopening of the Burma Road has shown and you may yet count on us."

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In a brief ceremony in the Royal Palace at Amsterdam, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed the act of transfer of sovereignty creating the new independent republic of the United States of Indonesia. Photo shows Queen Juliana signing the act. Next to her (wearing horn rimmed glasses) is the Indonesian Premier, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, and beyond him is Sultan Hamid II, of Pontianak. Seated next to the Queen (noir camera) is the Dutch Premier, Dr. Willem Drees. (AP Photo).

Hong Kong reaction to recognition

General approval, and a widespread feeling of relief, were the first reactions that greeted the news of Britain's recognition of the new Peking Government of China.

The announcement was carried in bold headlines in the afternoon vernacular papers, and it became the one topic of talk in town.

Nationalist planes bomb S'hai airfield

Taipei, January 6.
Nationalist P-51s bombed Lunghwa airfield at Shanghai on Thursday morning. Air Force headquarters here announced.

The announcement said installations of the Central Air Transportation Corporation were destroyed.

The workers, the majority of whom have no political consciousness, took the news calmly, but the more vociferous Communist section greeted the announcement with great enthusiasm.

It also was announced that Mosquito planes bombed and destroyed Communist defence works in two Communist-held islands of the Chusan group, 100 miles East of Shanghai.

Press despatches reported Nationalist air attacks on Communist craft massing on Lulchow Peninsula for the Invasion of Hainan.—Associated Press.

ness, and none of his subordinates would make any statement without Mr. Chen's authority. From the Bank of Communications, another Nationalist Government institution, it was learned that they, as far as they knew, all the other Government banks would function as usual. Their first duty as a bank is to their depositors and customers, officials said, and they must carry on.

The Chinese Postal and Remittance Bank officials said they were a part of the Chinese Postal Administration, and would carry on as such.

Mr. Kwok could not say what the fate would be of Nationalist Government organisations in the Colony and what their plans are. He has had no instructions from Taiwain regarding them.

Official statements from the Nationalist banks and organisations in the Colony, were not available. Enquiries were invariably put off with the answer that the manager or executive officials were out, but from less senior officials it was learned that banking or business institutions they would carry on as usual.

Mr. S. J. Chen, manager of the Bank of China, was reported to be absent from office due to ill-

U.S. LEADERS FRAMING NEW FAR EAST POLICY

Washington, January 6.
Administration leaders were reported today to be shaping a Far Eastern policy aimed at driving a wedge between the Chinese people and Communist Russia.

This policy, expected to be set forth in a statement soon, would announce a firm attitude of friendship for the inhabitants of China, leaving the way open for eventual recognition of the Communist regime there.

With respect to other Asiatic countries, the policy would state U.S. support for Nationalist—as opposed to Communist—movements, plus economic assistance and possibly arms aid to specific nations threatened by Communist aggression.

On Tuesday the Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson will go before a joint session of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees to review global U.S. policy. Emphasis will be on the Western Pacific, particularly

because of the current row over Taiwan.

Administration leaders expect Mr. Acheson to be armed with complete Western Pacific policy statement at that time. Later, he may make a public address on the subject.

The basic policy lines which currently underlie American foreign policy in the Orient, apart from President Truman's declaration on Thursday of a hands-off attitude toward Taiwan.

State Department officials explained the Administration does not intend to give the Communists a chance to tell the Chinese people the United States is denying them control of Chinese territory.

Dismay in Taipei

Meanwhile in Taipei, President Truman's hands off Taiwan statement ripped to shreds the big balloon of false hopes, blown up tremendously the past weeks by confident press predictions of American intervention.

All senior Nationalist officials approached, however, refused comment.

One of them confided that the matter is a very delicate one. We don't like to criticise the head of a friendly state.

Among officials who took the non-communist attitude on the U.S. decision not to intervene were advisers to Chiang Kai-shek as well as Governor K. C. Wu, Foreign Minister George Yeh, and South East China Commander Chen Cheng.

But there was no mistaking that Truman's statement caused concern and dismay.

It convinced the Nationalists the United States is not going to change the judgment passed in the State Department's White Paper.

It left them with the sad realisation they can count only on themselves to hold Taiwan.

It gave some of them the same sinking feeling they had when the Reds approached Canton and later Chungking and Chengtu.

It made them see that Taipei, their fifth capital since the fall of Nanking, was their last one unless they could hold Formosa.

And, coupled with Britain's recognition of the Communist regime in Peking, it made them feel alone, abandoned and a little more desperate—yet still determined to continue the fight to which Chiang Kai-shek and his fellow diehard have pledged themselves.—Associated Press.

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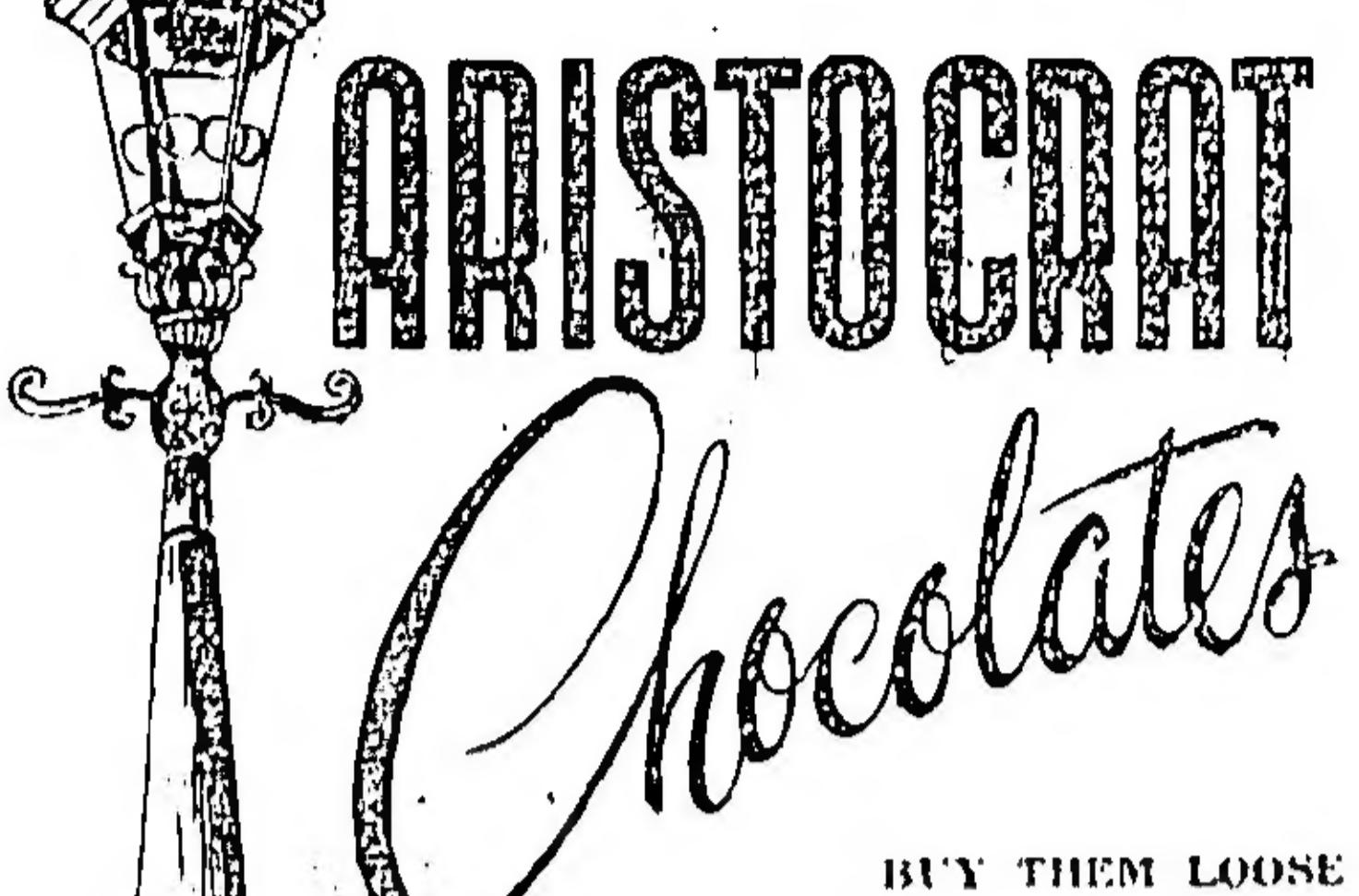
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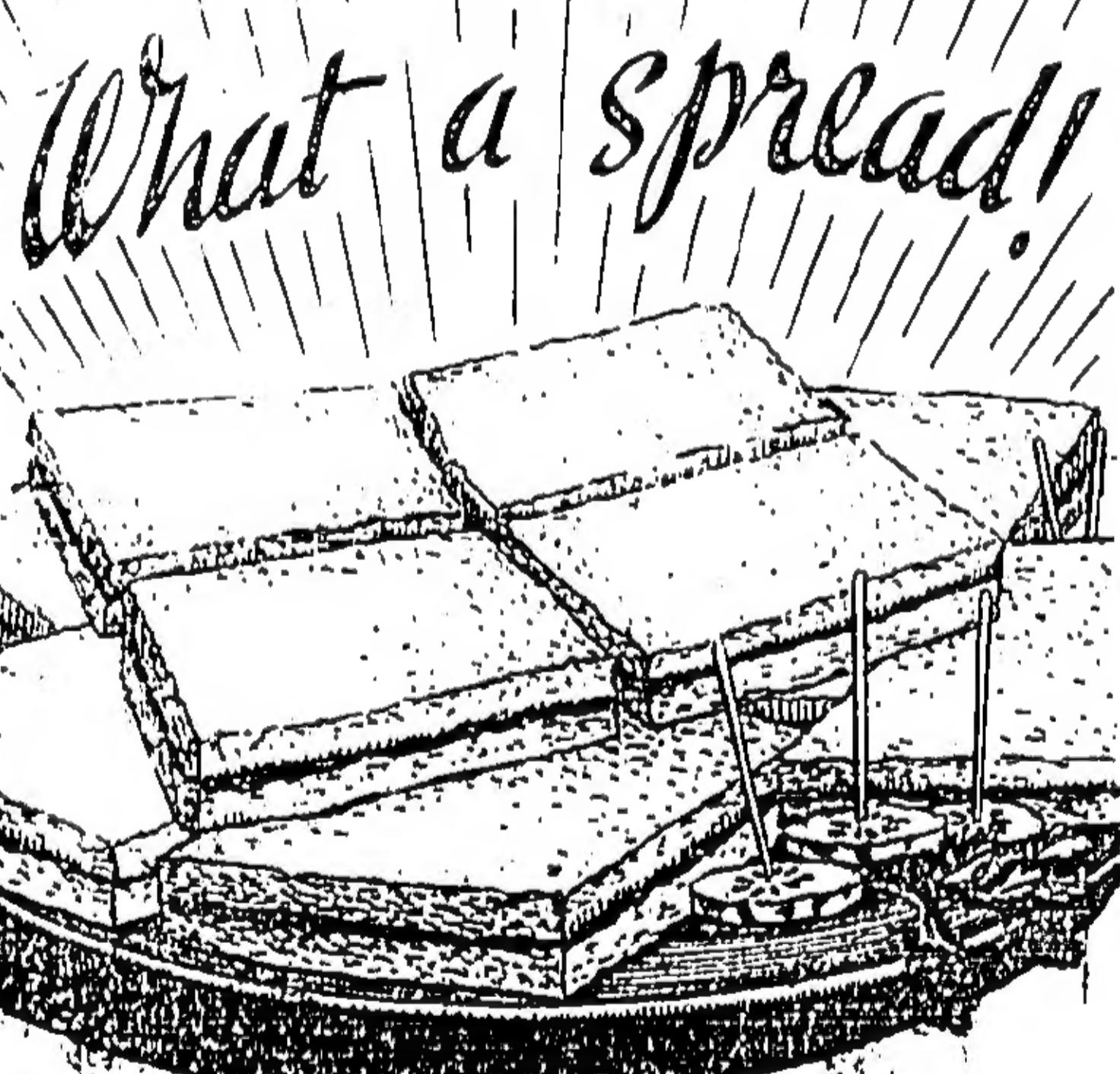
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**Personal**

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Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. E.R.L. Simard, Messrs. E.E. Rivers, J.R.S. Afrin, Miss M.I. Hollis, Miss D. Goddard and Miss C. Burlow.

Captain P. Harris, Captain H. Mallett, Captain J.S. Hartley, Mr. J.R. Mothersill and Mr. G.M. Green left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. C.M.D. Gandhi and Kay Chennikaval left for Calcutta yesterday by BOAC.

Among those who left in BOAC yesterday for Bangkok, Rangoon and Karachi were Messrs. A. Macleod, J.L. Campbell, Chantrey, D. Fraser, M. Ba Than, S. Kubo, and Had Gieh Jun.

Passengers who arrived in CPA from Saigon yesterday included Mrs. Havens, Nguyen Khieng and Lan Van.

Among the passengers from Manila in CPA yesterday were A.J. de Jong, M.V. Ferguson, N. Khan, Cu Sung, Edwin J. Hartnett, W.H. Ferguson, Nicanor Velez, F.W. Kendall and Kwey Yee.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST MEETING

At the concluding meeting of the Young People Committee of the Youth for Christ on Thursday evening were used for a series of talks from February 10 to March 3.

Both speakers will take part in the meetings. Messrs. George Graham and David Jacobson of London, England, and Dr. Bob Pearce and Dr. Jack Schuler from the United States.

The following members of the Hong Kong Youth for Christ Committee were present at Thursday's meeting: Mr. Lam Chung-fung, Chairman; Mr. Fan Chung-hui, Secretary; Mr. Y. Jim-chung; Mr. Lee Yiu-tung; Mr. Donald Chang; Mr. Calvin Chan; the Rev. Mr. W.T. Blackman; Rev. Mr. Donald Carlson; the Rev. Mr. John Bechtel; the Rev. Mr. Andrew Chee, National Director of the China Youth for Christ, was present.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings of the following have been announced: Eddie Blaise Valen, manager, Glycerine Limited, 22 Moolooloo Road, and Margaret Anne, secretary of Peninsular Hotel.

Cleen Laertius Rozario, clerk, 60 Kimberley Road, and Margaret Xavier, stenographer, 21 Jordan Road.

Gordon Mackenzie, Glenrose insurance manager, of 528 Peak, and Betty Jeanne, Eddie secretary, of YWCA, Macdonald Road.

Petty Officer George William Sirbu, RN, and Elizabeth Anne Harvey, of "Block A" Flat 104, 1A Hacienda, The Peak.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS

As a result of the two previous band concerts having proved successful, it has been decided to have regular fortnightly Sunday afternoon concerts at the Botanical Gardens providing the weather be good on the actual day of the concert.

The first regular concert will be tomorrow at 3 p.m. It will be given by the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

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The Beefeaters are shown leading the procession at the annual St. George's Ball which was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night. — "China Mail" Photo.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY HOLD ANNUAL BALL

St. George's Ball, one of the biggest annual social functions in the Colony, was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night. The Governor and Lady Grantham headed the group of distinguished guests.

Mr. C. Blaker, President of St. George's Society, in his speech, related the different versions of St. George, the Patron Saint of England. He, however, preferred the popular story.

"Even if it is a doubtful one; even if it is a study one, it does not matter," he said. In St. George's Society, he added, "we are not interested in what St. George actually did, but what he stands for."

Standing at the head of the official table, which was suitably decorated and flanked by emblems of St. George and the Dragon and other related insignia, Mr. Blaker first recalled some advice given to him by his uncle Harry when he left England for the Far East.

The advice was "My boy, whatever you need out there are resources and initiative. You must be prepared for anything. You never know what you may be called upon to do."

"Little did I suspect that nearly 40 years later, I would be called upon to address such a large and distinguished gathering," remarked Mr. Blaker. He added: "When I was recently honoured by being elected President of our Society, it occurred to me that I knew very little of the history of our Patron Saint."

"During the last few weeks therefore, I have attempted to find out who he really was and what he did. But all I have found is that every book I have looked at has a different story; and some of the stories, I'm sorry to say, aren't very flattering to St. George."

"However, just in the nick of time, it happened that St. George was passing by. Sizing up the situation in a flash, he whipped out his lance, attacked the dragon and defeated it in single combat."

"He then told the Princess to put her girdle round its neck and they fed it through the streets of the city like a tame hound. Late St. George, who apparently was not aware of the Graecian custom about the treatment of prisoners of war, took off his sword and chopped off its head."

"This is the story of St. George that I prefer but even if it is doubtful one, even if it is a shabby one, that doesn't matter. What we are interested in, in this Society, is not what St. George really did, but what he stands for."

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exceptional about us, but we bid you welcome and hope you will enjoy yourselves with us."

"Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you the Toast of St. George and Merrie England. The official guests at the Ball were:

The Governor and Lady Grantham, the ADC to the Governor, the GOC-in-C, Lt. Gen. Sir Robert Murchison, KBE, MBE, MC, ADC to GOC-in-Chief, Rear Adm'l. A.G.C. Madden, CB, CBE and Mrs. Madden, and Flug Lieut. Dennis Alf. Commodore and Mrs. A.D. Davies, Miss Davies, the Flight Lt. K.R.E. Lucy, Commodo're and Mrs. D.N. Brownfield and Flug Lieutenant Major-General G.C. Evans, CB, CBE and Mrs. Evans, and ADC. Chieftain of St. Andrew's School, Mr. D.S. Robb, President of St. Paul's Society, Mr. F.G. Maund, President of St. David's Society, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, Mr. T.N. Chau and Mrs. Chau, Dr. S.N. Chau and Mrs. Chau, Lt. Col. A.M. Mow, OBE, 1st Bn. The Midlanders Regiment, Lt. Col. F.L. Martin, DSO, South Staffordshire Regiment, Lt. Col. H.S. Shippey, DSO, 1st Bn. RSLI, Lt. Col. Marcelle Sir. Le Gobet and Lt. Col. Gibson, Rev. W.J. Hale, Brown, Mr. J.G. Moyer, Mr. D.F. Mandeville, Mr. S. Hammon, Rev. Mr. E.H. Mitchell, Mr. G.E. Maud, Mr. A. Sommersett, Mr. M.W. Watson, Mr. P.B. and Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. G.L. Wilcock and Mrs. C.G. Roberts.

PIPPINHAHA CORRESPONDENT

Correspondence

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Hong Kong tribal customs

Sir, As a visiting chief in on world tour, I have observed with keen interest Hong Kong tribal customs different to my own, tribes, and I have been particularly struck by the following:

Some of the countries I have visited have a code of the road custom, some of them keep to the right, perhaps it is something due to politics—but only in Hong Kong have I found a keep to the middle of the road rule. Is it superstition or Duck Worship? I wonder?

Hong Kong is packed with humanity and every hook or cranny belonging to civilians is crammed to capacity. Nevertheless, I found to my amazement huge spaces still virtually idle waste for habitation, Marble Hill, Austin Barracks, Murray Parade Ground and University sites. All these belong to the Crown or to Government, that has passed a law to compel civilians to make full use of their land, and that is requisitioning much needed private dwellings. So I can only suppose that such spaces are inhabited by the ghosts of Government cadets or other great persons of note and therefore are sacred.

This latter view is supported by my surprised view of the immense site below Blacks' Hill, called, I think, Mount Nicholson. This site, large enough to support number of big hotels, now boasts a few little huts. Is this due, could you tell me, to the site being the origin of the tribe or a memorial to the first huts built, or is there another reason for this waste of vast level space? Or is it temporary waste for 20 years to more like the huts housing the P.R.O., Price Control, and other offices?

I have stopped off here quite some time in my tour, so I can say that the method of mending the roads causes me some surprise. In most countries roads are mended throughout the year, so as not to inconvenience the public and the police; but here nothing is done till the end of the year, when everything is done at once. I suppose on the advice of the newcomers.

I am amazed at the size of the temples to Hong Kong's principal god—Mony. Such is the strength of this religion, I am told, that the main temple is built on the old City Hall so that even culture and entertainment—other than those that make money—are sacrificed, and neither museum, gallery, public library, nor city hall are now considered necessary. A so-called town hall, I am told, was allowed in the place of the first City Hall, although smaller, to accommodate a rising population, but even that has been sacrificed to another large temple now being built on this site by another sect who worship the same god.

Again, have the Government Servants here some special religious standing? I say this not only because of their attitude to the public, which they view with obvious contempt, but also because they seem to be accommodated either in palaces or hovels according to caste. Elsewhere where I have been, they find servants of the public who paid them.

Although I speak and read English fairly well, I am puzzled by the use of words in a different sense to those used in Estimates, for instance, I saw a large sum set aside for "air-conditioning offices," but as recently a sign was put for providing food for sick children, it has been stopped on the grounds of expense. I can only suppose this means something different to the usual expensive meaning of "air-conditioning."

Three Terry Tickets which were collected together with the lost articles, bear the names of Mr. Hunk-sai, Cheung Sun-yat, and Teo Wan-kang. These three men are blocking this bottleneck is given with wonder and doubt.

The list of articles follows: 10 wrist watches, one pocket watch, three Terry tickets, 11 leather wallets, 11 fountain pens, seven cigarette lighters and one camera.

It is noted also that no road signs in Hong Kong could work properly unless more roads are cut through in the direction of Wanchai and that all the area blocking this bottleneck is given up to the Gods of War. Is this ground so sacred to Red and Gold Pan-pi that not even a walled road can be allowed to interfere with the little, shabby, one or two destroyed buildings scattered over this land?

Finally, as my country also is British, I note with disgust the way that this country is rapidly becoming an American colony.

Why not use British films, which critics above the Hollywood classics never show on weekends? Why not import English films, which the public like? Why not hire American boys instead of American girls? Why not allow British cars on the local collecting routes? Why not import British goods? Why not import British food? Why not import British clothing? Why not import British books? Why not import British art? Why not import British music? Why not import British sports? Why not import British culture? Why not import British education? Why not import British government? Why not import British politics? Why not import British law? Why not import British justice? Why not import British freedom? Why not import British democracy? Why not import British progress? Why not import British civilization? Why not import British culture? Why not import British art? Why not import British music? Why not import British books? Why not import British film? Why not import British food? Why not import British clothing? Why not import British goods? Why not import British culture? Why not import British education? Why not import British government? Why not import British politics? Why not import British law? Why not import British justice? Why not import British freedom? Why not import British democracy? Why not import British progress? Why not import British civilization?

Chow Ki denied that he had mentioned that he knew any Police Officers. He said that he had come from Canton to look for a friend. He had boarded the bus in Hennessy Road. In this conductor had not approached him for the fare prior to the Inspector boarding the bus.

He was found guilty of the charge and fined \$25 for one week.

SPITFIRE IN MINOR MISCHAP

A Royal Air Force Spitfire fighter aircraft, which had been flying at 10,000 feet, suffered a minor mishap when it hit a building on the ground.

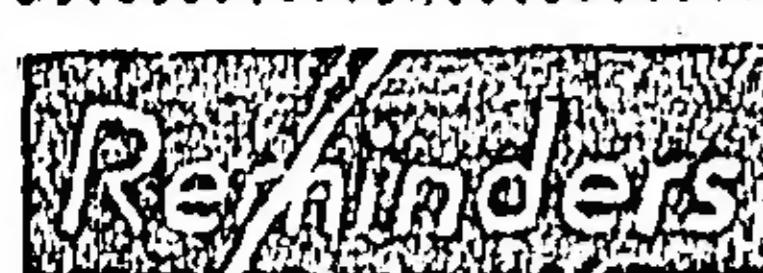
The plane, which was travelling on runway 13, had covered two-thirds of the runway when the pilot noticed the engine failure. He immediately got off the motor and the plane was brought to a stop.

The pilot of the aircraft was not injured.

ROAD CLOSED

Wilson's Road, from Wilson Street to Boundary Road, will be closed to east-bound traffic from 8 p.m. today to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Heroin seized in raid by Revenue Officers, Police



Today

Exhibition of Chinese Painting by Wei Sheng-chi at Hotel Central from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presented under the auspices of the Chinese Nationalist Government of the Republic of China. Admission 10c. Refreshments recommended.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

The P.M.C. will meet at 10 a.m. in the Room 800, Hotel Central, Victoria Road, to discuss the formation of a Chinese Nationalist Government of the Republic of China. The meeting will be open to the public. All are welcome.

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Revenue Officers, Police

A raid by Revenue Officers and detectives at 47 Main Street, first floor, led to the arrest of a man and two women and the seizure of over 90,000 heroin pills and some opium, it was stated at Central yesterday.

Defendants, Kong Kwan, aged 40, unemployed, Mak So, aged 47, married woman, and Ho Sin, aged 26, woman, were charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes with the possession of 96,082 heroin pills.

Kong was additionally charged with allowing the middle cubicle of the premises to be used for storing heroin pills.

Mak was charged with assisting Kong in the management of the premises in which heroin pills were stored.

Fined for dangerous driving

Benjamin William Simpson, aged 30, Development Engineer of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of dangerous driving.

Defendant was found another \$10 on the way to being fined for an accident and was also ordered to pay \$25 compensation. Defendant's driving licence was ordered to be endorsed.

Inspector H. B. Dewar told the court that at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday defendant was driving his car along Garden Road. He turned off into Kennedy Road and hit a taxi. Defendant fled with a taxi and was knocked down a few feet.

The taxi driver had two passengers who came to the aid of defendant and the second defendant was his wife.

A search of the second room revealed a box containing 83,582 heroin pills.

In the third cubicle 12,500 heroin pills and 750 sachets of prepared opium and three heroin pipes were found. Clothing found in this room was claimed by third defendant.

The defendants were taken to the Aberdeen Police Station and the goods handed over to the head office of the Department of Commerce and Industry. They later handed them to the Government Chemist.

The hearing of the case was adjourned to sign a bond and was adjourned to Tuesday at 11.30 a.m.

Stained fingers

Defendants were taken into the front cubicle and their hands examined. On the second defendant a finger was stained red.

They were informed an informant had been arrested.

In the station defendant refused to sign a bond and was locked up for the night.

Defendant said that he has been driving since 1941 and he never had a case like that before. He was shocked to hear that he was charged with a pedestrian.

He said that his clients were under the care of Dr. M. A. B. Bawden, a medical practitioner, and that he had been advised to go to him.

The 20 men have been held without bail and taken to the Central Magistrate's Court where they stand trial.

Two clerks applied to each of them before signing the bond the amount of the sum.

Later in the morning the 34 women were searched over the barbers from Lanchuk. They all signed the bond after it was explained to them.

Ship's cook on gold charge

When charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with illegal importing six bars of gold weighing almost five pounds and valued at HK\$1,008 on Thursday, Lam Chun-ki, 30-year-old cook of the *Prosper*, admitted his guilt.

In mitigation, the defendant said that half of the gold was owned by the comprador of the vessel who had given it to him to buy provisions for the crew. The other half of the gold represented his wages. He had received his wages from Cominco money when the vessel was in Tientsin and had changed it to gold.

Revenue Inspector Rodman said that he was not asking for the confiscation of the gold but a nominal fine should be imposed.

The defendant was fined \$500 and the gold was returned.

On hearing that he was to be fined \$500, Lam changed his story and said that all the gold belonged to him and that he had to use it to buy food for the crew.

Mr. Lo then said the fine of \$500 would stay because of the fact that the defendant had told the Court:

"NAVY SHIPS ON EXERCISES"

Two Royal Navy cruisers and three destroyers are on exercises on the high seas.

The cruisers HMS *Helford* and HMS *Jamaica*, and destroyers *Cookson*, *Concord*, and *Consort* are expected back in Hong Kong sometime next week.

ESC regulations announced

Regulations governing the new Essential Services Corps, made by the Governor, were published in the "Government Gazette" yesterday.

The regulations cover appointment of a Commissioner, his powers, medical examination of members, grading of members, duties of the Corps, resignations, mobilisation, pay and allowances and pensions.

HK reaction to recognition

(Continued from Page 1)

Britain's recognition of the Communist Government of China was no bombshell. It was pointed out there had been ample warning of its coming, and it was all along taken as a foregone conclusion, with or without agreement of the United States.

The Chinese Nationalist Government's biggest assets in the Colony are the planes, equipment and other properties of the Chinese National Airways Corporation, and the Central Air Transport Corporation, both of whom have been frozen by an order of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

They were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, Mr. Leo d'Almeida, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, on the instructions of Mr. M. A. da Silva and Mr. A. M. Soares.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, appeared on behalf of the opponents, instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans.

The applicants, Soares-Alves estates, maintained that the lot—situated at the junction of Nathan Road and Middle Road—has not been properly developed, and that they intend to build a large hotel in place of the present garage premises.

No suitable site

Mr. Robinson testified that they had tried to find alternative accommodation for the garage but could not find any in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

The present value of the business was about \$20,000,000 he went on. His motor maintenance and repairs company was the biggest organisation in Kowloon of its kind, and he had about 500 customers in the charge account.

Congress

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almeida, witness revealed that his brokers had found several offers for land sites, but there was none that could be found as suitable as the present garage, as the latter was situated in the Central district.

If such an arrangement was made whereby the showroom was to be situated at a certain place and the workshop at another part of the town, witness said under further questioning, this would lessen the scope of the business.

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20 Words \$2 for 1 insertion
\$1 for every additional insertion
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Classified Advertisements accepted up to 8 p.m. for publication
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Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on
the original form which should bear their names and addresses.

A suitable announcement will be inserted free of charge if
Advertiser's requirements are satisfactorily answered.

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ENGLISH Better Bitch, black and white long hair, answers to
name of Sherry. Last seen Happy Valley area. Please phone 23512
Reward.

POSITION WANTED

EFFICIENT Lady Secretary steno
grapher open for immediate em-
ployment. Excellent references.
Please reply to Box 521 "China
Mail".

POSITION VACANT

REQUIRED immediately by well-
established old British firm highly qualified Secretary/Steno-
grapher Commencing salary \$7,000 Reply Box 517 "China
Mail".

WANTED KNOWN

EXCLUSIVELY PLAINES fine quality,
moderately priced, large selection
at George Lin & Company, 202
Bank East Asia Bldg Tel 24048

RENDEZ-VOUS 503, Victory
House, Wyndham Street, Half
Price Clearance Sale Until 15th
January 1950.

LADIES, we have at your service
all specialized operations for
Helen Curtis' cool waves,
machinists oil perms, hairdressing &
manicure ROSE MARIE Beauty
Parlor Phone 50384-43, Han-
kow Rd., Kowloon.

PEKING ART RUG CO., 221A
Nathan Rd., Kowloon, sell ex-
clusively carpets and rugs. Please
drop in and have a look.

EMBROIDERY Initials, Mono-
grams on garments, handkerchiefs,
hosiery & bed linens undertaken.

Also stitching, smocking & all
kinds of needleworks. Standard
workmanship. Moderate charges.

The Eastern Embroidery Co., 49,
Chungking Arcade, Kowloon.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

MAY BE BOOKED AT THE
SWINDON BOOK STORE, 25
NATHAN ROAD, TEL. 59327.

WHY LIMP about with a painful
corn or ingrowing toenail when a
visit to Beten's expert chiropodist
can put you right? Consult
Beten's Beauty Salon, 1st Floor,
Exchange Building.

CARPETS, Rugs, Upholstery,
cleaned in your own home by
modern, convenient DURA-
CLEAN SERVICE DURACLEAN
COMPANY, DEERFIELD, ILL.
U.S.A. Agent: George Lin & Co.,
202 Bank of East Asia Building
Tel: 24408.

CARPETS & RUGS.—Genuine
Peking and Tibetan, lovely de-
signs and colourings, various sizes
Come and inspect at The China
Rug Co., Kayamally Building, 4th
Floor (Opposite Hong Kong
Hotel) Queen's Road, Central.

PREMISES WANTED

TWO young officers wish to find
a home for sick leave after dis-
charge from hospital. Reply Box
No. 520 "China Mail".

TUITION GIVEN

CANTONESE lessons given, in
group or privately by experienced
teacher, the writer of "A Guide
to Cantonese". Books provided.
Box 518 "China Mail".

DANCING LESSONS

BALLROOM DANCING—"Made
Easy" Advanced Variations taught.
"Specialities": Rumba, Samba,
Tango, Jitterbug (Jive). Enquiries
(1-3 P.M.)—Tony Hudson, 612
China Building.

GODOWN FOR SALE

A BIG godown facing sea-shore
at Kennedy Town, selling price
\$500,000.—Please apply to Mr.
Chan, 30A, Bonham Strand, West,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF
VLADIMIR ANATOLE
GINTER otherwise
known as VLADIMIRE
ANATOLIEVICH
GINTER otherwise
known as VLADIMIR
ANATOL GINTER late
of 206, Prince Edward
Road, Kowloon, in the
Colony of Hong Kong,
Master Mariner, de-
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance, 1897 made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above Estate
to the 2nd day of February
1950.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send in their claims to the un-
designed on or before that
date.

Dated the 6th day of Jan-
uary, 1950.

BRUTTON & CO.,
Solicitors
for the Administrators,
Windsor House,
Hong Kong

POLICE NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT
from 14.00 hours 7.1.50 to 08.00
hours 11.1.50 Queen's Road
East, from Anton Street to
Hennessy Road junction will be
closed to east bound traffic

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE
Hong Kong, January 7, 1950.

HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED

Holders of Monthly Tickets
for December 1949 may obtain
a refund of \$2.40 by handing
in the ticket at the Traffic
Office of the Company at
Canal Road East

W. H. PATERSON
Secretary
Hong Kong, Jan. 6, 1950.

MACKINNON,
MACKENZIE & CO.

Agents
P. & O. S.N. Company
B.I.S.N. Company Ltd.
E. & A. S.S. Company Ltd.
Salon-Skaugen Lines

CHANGE OF
TELEPHONE NUMBER

As from Monday, January 9th,
our Telephone Number will be

34158 (3 LINES)

Palmer & Turner,
Hongkong & Shanghai
Bank Bldg.,
HONG KONG.

CHANGE OF
TELEPHONE NUMBER

We wish to announce that as
from Monday, January 9, 1950 our
new telephone number will be 28185 instead of 24581.

THE WOO CLINIC.

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Our Customers are asked to note the undernoted
alterations in our East Point telephone numbers:

Ice & Cold Storage Department — East Point

31234/5 — Cold Stores & Ice Sales General Office
32077 — Cold Stores Manager (Mr. E. M. Hanlon) &
Mr. H. Durrant

Engineers' Office & Residences — East Point

33078 — Supt. Engineer (Mr. A. B. Coleman) &
Mr. A. S. Lawson

33078 (Ext) — Mr. A. B. Coleman's Residence.

31235 (Ext) — Mr. A. S. Lawson's Residence.

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FOR SALE AND TO LET.

Let us know your requirements.
We have houses and land and office
space.

Real Estate
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and
Valuers

Telegrams
"Harriman"
Tel. 81805

The Bank of Asia Ltd., HK

Entry permits checked
at Kai Tak airfield

With the assistance of the police, the airport au-
thorities at the Kai Tak airport have started
to strengthen the regulations regarding per-
sons entering the airport.

More than 50 persons, mostly employees and stu-
dents of the Far Eastern Flying and Training
School, were not permitted to enter the air-
port gate at Kowloon city when a detachment
of police arrived in the morning and checked
entry passes.

The persons who did not
have passes were later permitted
to enter the airport when the school was notified to issue
identification cards to its staff
and students.

Since early yesterday morning a
special detachment of police were
present at the airport assisting the
airport authorities in checking
entry passes.

Since yesterday all persons who do not
possess a valid pass for the
airport are not permitted to enter
areas beyond the civil air ter-
minal.

According to a senior airport
official this is not a new regulation
but the authorities are merely
taking strict measures to carry it out.

In the past, despite numerous
warnings, many persons have been
found in the airport's limited
areas without a valid pass.

Flying regulations

Meanwhile since New Year's
Day, a new flying regulation for
all commercial aircraft has been
enforced.

All in-coming and out-going
aircraft are told to enter and
leave the Colony's airport via
Lyemun and Wan Lan Island,
South East of the airport.

The regulation which will be in
practice for a maximum period of
two months, further governs that
no aircraft should approach the
Colony's airport from any direction
without passing the mentioned
points.

Furthermore the new regulation
also limited all local flights within
the area in which local flights
are allowed is roughly bounded
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Next Thursday the Club will
hold a dance for Servicemen begin-
ning at 7.30 p.m.

By Dick Turner

CARNIVAL



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authorities

PLAYING UPSIDE DOWN

IF YOU EVER try one of the
artificial bidding systems, such as
the Vanderbilt or Whist Club sys-
tem, in which an opening bid of
1-Club merely shows appreciable
high card strength without indic-
ating anything about clubs, you
are likely to have some funny
experiences. With either that
opening, or when you use the
artificial 2-Clubs forcing bid, you
may find yourself eventually play-
ing the hand as declarer without
a solitary trump in it, but a lot
of them in the dummy. In effect
then you treat the dummy as declarer
and your own hand as the dummy,
and are playing upside down.

North led the spade K, and
West got all the tricks. Winning
with the A, he finessed the club Q,
felled the K with the A and then
used hearts to discard the diamond K.

At other tables of the same
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and a diamond then was so
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TAIWAN GETS THE INVASION JITTERS

Taipeh, January 5.
As invasion jitters began to develop on this strong-hold of Nationalist China, the Provincial Government today ordered an island-wide dim-out.

The orders were accompanied by instructions to the inhabitants to be on the alert for a complete black-out, should that be deemed necessary.

Anti-aircraft searchlights swept the skies. Public buildings, hotels, restaurants, stores and shops were ordered to curtain windows and reduce inside illumination.

Despite these precautions however, as far as could be learned, there is no acute threat to the island, no new alerts, and little reason to fear imminent air raids from the Chinese Communists. The dim-out police stated that the measure was purely precautionary.

Street lights were dimmed and some cut off, but otherwise there was little general response to the dim-out on the first night it was effective.

The Authorities said they would enforce full obedience as soon as the order had been generally circulated.

Meanwhile, it was reliably reported that General Cheng Chen has submitted his resignation as South East China Military and Political Commissioner, as a first step in the reorganisation of the military branches of the Government.

A less serious view of the activities of the movement is taken by the non-party "Salzburger Nachrichten," which published an exclusive interview given to them by correspondent by Dr. Nonck during the recent "Deutschland Congress" of the Naumburg Circle at Rengsdorf in the Pfalz district.

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Plan for neutral Germany

Vienna, January 6.
The movement started by Dr. Ulrich Nonck in Western Germany aiming at neutralising Germany "like Switzerland" has aroused considerable interest in the Austrian Press.

But Dr. Nonck's suggestion that Austria should be included in the "neutral zone" is meeting with strong opposition from the Austrian right wing press.

Issuing a warning against quislings who betray their country to a foreign Power and foreign ideology," the People's Party organ "Wiener Tageszeitung" claimed that Dr. Herbert Kraus' Independents had established contacts with Dr. Ulrich Nonck's "Naumburg Kreis" (Naumburg Circle).

It was Dr. Nonck, the paper said, who established relations with the Norwegian Nazis and initiated the movement whose leader later became Quisling. "Is Dr. Nonck's interest in the neutralisation movement another attempt to find quislings for his ideology in a foreign country?" the paper asks.

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QUIRINO TO FLY TO U.S.

Manila, January 6.
President Quirino, with 16 companions, including members of his family, the Finance Secretary, Pio Pedrosa, and other officials, will leave for the United States at 11 a.m. tomorrow aboard the Philippine Air Lines DC-4 "Mindoro".

Mr. Quirino will enter Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for the removal of a stone in the kidney. He is likely to hold conference with American officials on certain aspects of Philippine-American relations.

PAL announced that the Mindoro would carry a crew of 11, including three captains. The flight will be via Guam, Wake, Honolulu and San Francisco to New York.

Otto Sivyan, PAL Vice-President, is going on the trip as official co-ordinator of the flight. —United Press.

ITALIAN STRIKE IN REVERSE

Carrara, January 5.
Police here today ended a "strike in reverse" by ordering builders, formerly unemployed, to stop work that they had started without permission.

The builders on Tuesday had begun work on public buildings in Carrara for which long-sought Government permission had not yet been granted. —Reuter.

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Madame Chiang returning to Taiwan

Washington, January 6.
Joseph Ku, Press spokesman of the Chinese Embassy, said today he has been informed that Madame Chiang Kai-shek is preparing to return to Taiwan.

Mr. Ku said no date for her departure has been set and Madame Chiang is still in New York City. —United Press.

PURGE OF CZECH REDS

Frankfurt, January 5.
M. Bohumil Lausman, former Czech Minister of Industry, who recently fled to West Germany, said today that the Czech Communist Party is being purged of Titoist and deviationist elements.

At a press conference at Bad Homburg, near here, M. Lausman said that many Communists are already in prison and many others will follow.

He thinks that eventually the Czech Foreign Minister, M. Vojtěch Clementis, will fall victim to the purging wave. He believes, however, that M. Clementis will not be immediately removed, since he has many sympathisers among the Slovaks.

"But I believe that some day he will. He has a Western past."

M. Lausman, former chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party, became Deputy Prime Minister in the Gottwald Cabinet in February, 1948, and withdrew from political life later that year.

Asked whether an organised anti-Communist underground movement exists in Czechoslovakia, M. Lausman said, "No, only sporadic upsurges of active resistance."

He said that the great majority of Czech Communists disagree with the actions of the Party. Many Czechs are waiting for war, hoping that it will bring them freedom.

"The freedom of the Czechs is being taken away step by step. The country is not independent any more," he added. —Reuter.

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woven, as more and more British business firms and factories establish branches here.

And, as to settlement, 100,000 British emigrants are arriving each year now and each individual forms an unbreakable link with the Old Country. Australia's more British than Britain, with a 94.2 per cent British population. Therefore, you cannot speak

of Australia "breaking away" from the Commonwealth. If Scotland or England or Wales "break away," the people in Australia would regard themselves

as part of the British family. They ARE British, they do not BELONG to Britain.

More loyal

In fact, the Australians will tell you that they are more loyal to the old British tradition than even Great Britain herself under socialism.

Seen from this distance, the true British tradition is not one of docile, dependable and respectable living, but of adventurous innovation and exploration.

Dinah, Sir Stamford Raffles, Hastings and the privateers and adventurers are in the tradition, not Chamberlain, Attlee, Cripps or Victoria.

Australians are worried at what they regard as the decay of the great tradition, but they believe that it will be revived again.

New links

The figures showing the value of imports from Britain, which have grown from £40,419,000 in 1938-39 to £99,160,000 in 1947-48.

Car and textiles are rated as Britain's best products. You can now buy British ready-made suits from one end of the country to the other, at £12 to £25. They're popular. Britain now is supplying nearly 60 per cent of all Australian imports, which is sufficient evidence of quality.

Australian exports to Britain, mostly of wool and food, have increased even more remarkably.

The figures are £63,262,000 for 1938-39 and £112,867,000 for 1947-48.

The balance of trade in Australia's favour need not worry anybody. Australia is giving birth to it to Britain as a gift, and is leaving the rest untouched in London under an unwritten "gentleman's agreement" not to embarrass Britain by asking payment.

Grand job

What of the future? Trade and continental ties can only grow stronger. Britain is Australia's only possible market, and, equally, the only possible source of the goods she wants.

Government experts in Canberra expect the two economies to become even more closely inter-

Instance petrol

Everybody agrees that this has been a non-austerity Christmas. The shops have glittered brighter than at any time since 1938. They report satisfactory if not record-breaking sales. The men and women crowding into them looked as well dressed as before the war.

Indeed the shops were a kind of oasis of pre-war days. Only when one came out of them did the shabby look of London streets recall that the world has changed.

The "New Statesman" makes ironically a little party capital out of the general jollity. "London looks pre-war. To come down Regent Street, positively riotous in colour, into Trafalgar Square with the Christmas Tree and the silver fountains and streamers and bunting—why, if the Tory press didn't remind you that we are a miserable enslaved and starving people, you might even kid yourself that England was capable this year of having a merry Christmas."

The opinion is weakening now, but it still persists as a legacy of the bad old days when Britain "tolerated" the "nouveau riche" stamp came to purchase the local "yokels" and complain that the hotel service was not so good as Claridge's.

And the Australians are interested at what they regard as the treachery of the present British Government in giving away India, Pakistan, Burma and other territories that have always provided a safe communication link with the Mother

So Britain and America are not so far apart as was once feared in this hour of action. Mr. Acheson made it quite clear that American recognition will not be given just now. It has nevertheless been brought appreciably nearer by the firm rejection of the interventionists' clamorous counsel. Mr. Acheson merely said that recognition of Peking at this stage would be "premature," and this seems to be the operative word. Mr. Truman, as President and Commander-in-Chief, is the final authority on foreign and defense policy. Whether his action will affect the principle of bi-partisan foreign policy remains to be seen, but the Republicans will be at least partially appeased by the assurance that before recognition comes Congress will be consulted. There is an impression, however, that though the next elections are not very near, they are close enough to justify manoeuvring for position. The Democrats seem to be preparing once more for a major stand on the New Deal principles at home and abroad, and the Republicans for a fight on foreign policy and foreign aid. One New York paper of reactionary flavour has already complained that "the British group in our Government for years has adopted the position that the United States must follow the British policy."

In formally breaking off diplomatic relations with the Nationalist Government, as a prelude to recognition of Peking, Britain has arrested the tact gesture with which the Taipeh Government responded to India's recognition of Peking. It is always good policy in diplomacy as in domestic matters, we are told, to be off with the old before going on with the new. In London no great difference is expected in the face-to-face talks with Taiwan, where a British Consular representative will remain. The Nationalists may not be in a particularly good mood as a result of the latest news in Washington and London, but they will have to think twice before cutting off their nose to spite their face.

The decision about Taiwan removes many potential complications in Britain's decision to recognize Peking. Some remain and are inevitable when one recognises the new regime and the other does not. But Britain will be spared the acute dilemma of trying to restore trade with China while the Nationalists intensified the blockade with the aid and comfort of the United States. The position regarding the blockade after Britain's recognition has still to be clarified.

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All that needs to be said about this news is that it was certainly not true in post-war China, where America took a very marked lead. If the results were most unhappy, the

figures show that the Chinese Communists were in great demand

in the past. They can be hired from the local undertakers.

When they appear at a wedding

we look upon them with kindly eyes, for we feel that undertakers hate us to make themselves to do something for us.

People are considered excellent

for their services.

U.S. ABANDONMENT OF CHIANG AROUSES STORM IN SENATE

Republicans up in arms over statement REJECTION OF ARMS AID

Washington, January 5.

President Truman today formally rejected all appeals for American military aid to the remnants of the Chinese Nationalist Government in Taiwan.

In washing his hands of China's civil war, the President said specifically that neither American armed force, equipment or military advisers will be sent to help save Taiwan from the Communists. His statement was a complete rejection of the Nationalist pleas for help. It was also a flat repudiation of Republican demands for U.S. intervention and of General MacArthur's advocacy that strong measures be taken to save the island.

TRUMAN'S STATEMENT ON CHINA

Washington, January 5.

The text of President Harry Truman's statement today on China and Taiwan.

The United States Government has always stood for good faith in international relations. Traditional United States policy toward China is exemplified in the open door policy called for ultimate loyal respect for the territorial integrity of China.

This principle was recently re-adopted in the United Nations General Assembly resolution of December 8, 1949, which in part, calls on all States to refrain from trying to acquire spheres of influence or to create foreign-controlled areas within the territory of China, or seeking to obtain special rights or privileges within the territory of China.

A specific application of the foregoing principles is seen in the present situation with respect to Taiwan. In the joint declaration at Cairo on December 1, 1943, the President of the United States, the British Prime Minister and the President of China stated that it was their purpose that territories Japan had stolen from China, such as Taiwan, should be restored to the Republic of China.

The United States was a signatory to the Potsdam declaration of July 26, 1945, which declared that the terms of the Cairo declaration should be carried out.

The provisions of this declaration were accepted by Japan at the time of its surrender.

"In keeping with these declarations, Taiwan was surrendered to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and for the past four years, the United States and the other Allied powers have accepted the exercise of Chinese authority over the island."

"The United States has no predatory designs on Taiwan or on any other Chinese territory. The United States has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on Taiwan at this time."

"Nor does it have any intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation. The United States Government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China."

"Similarly, the United States Government will not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces on Taiwan. In the view of the United States Government, the resources on Taiwan are adequate to enable them to obtain the items which they might consider necessary for the defense of the island. The United States Government proposes to continue under existing legislative authority the present ECA programme of economic assistance."—Associated Press.

ECA HELP FOR TAIWAN

Taipei, January 6.

Mr. L. F. Grogg, Regional Director of the Economic Co-ordination Administration, announced this morning that US\$500,000 worth of commodities will be placed on the market in January in an effort to assist the Chinese authorities to stabilize prices.

Mr. Grogg said the ECA is looking forward to a heavy programme for February, implying that economic aid from the United States will be forthcoming when the present ECA programme expires on February 15.—Associated Press.

Rome, January 6.

One worker was killed and four others injured today in an explosion at an ammunition dump on the Via Flaminia near Rome, added he told later. In Taipei than in the Philippines.

Also it was in effect a reaffirmation of the State Department's White Paper published last summer, which concluded that Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government was rotten beyond help and should be abandoned.

Mr. Truman said the United States wants no military bases in Taiwan and traditionally has held the position that the island belongs to the Republic of China. Thus, should the Chinese Communist government ever win the recognition of the United States, Communist sovereignty over Taiwan would also be acknowledged.

As Mr. Truman's hands-off policy was announced on the Senate floor, some timid Democrats praised it as avertting possible war.

But Republican Senator William Knowland, who recently visited Taiwan, told the Senate that Mr. Truman's statement was "appreciation of aggression" and "surrender on the installment plan." He challenged the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to show Congress the Far Eastern recommendations of General MacArthur and Admiral A. W. Bradford, Pacific Fleet commander.

Mr. Knowland urged that two or three aircraft carriers be set to augment the Pacific fleet.

Sad commentary

Senator Knowland blamed the Truman Administration for the "debauch" in China, which, he said, endangered the peace of the world and the security of the United States.

Mr. Knowland, a member of the Armed Services Committee who has led the Congressional demands for aid to the Chinese Nationalists, declared that the State Department's policy was to abandon China to the "vultures of International Communism."

"Are we to give arms and guarantees to Western Europe to save that area from going behind the Iron Curtain while we, or they, accelerate the spread of Communism in Asia?" he demanded.

Senator Knowland added: "It is a sad commentary that Britain, which itself was in such a desperate plight after Dunkirk, should now be contemplating abandoning the Republic of China and according recognition, and comfort to the Communists, who are so closely allied with the same International Communist conspiracy that threatens human freedoms in Europe."

He said that if the Chinese Communist regime were recognized, "China's seat in the United Nations and in the Security Council would be a Communist one and 'every Chinese Embassy and Consulate in this and other Western nations will become centres of Communist espionage and fifth column activity'."

Not consulted

Senator Knowland complained that the Republicans in Congress had not been consulted on the moves leading up to the "bankrupt policy" on China.

He urged the United States:

1. To make it clear that there was no intention of recognizing the Chinese Communist regime.

2. Give supervised aid to the Nationalist Government of China.

3. To strengthen the American Navy in the Far East.

4. Make use of \$16,000,000 authorized by Congress for China Aid.

5. Unfreeze the remaining Marshall Plan funds totalling \$107,000,000 which were available for use in non-Communist China.

He suggested that there should be "major shake-up" in the Far Eastern Division of the State Department.

Second Munich?

Senator Knowland called on the United States Government not to yield to the "unfortunate blackmail" of the Communists.

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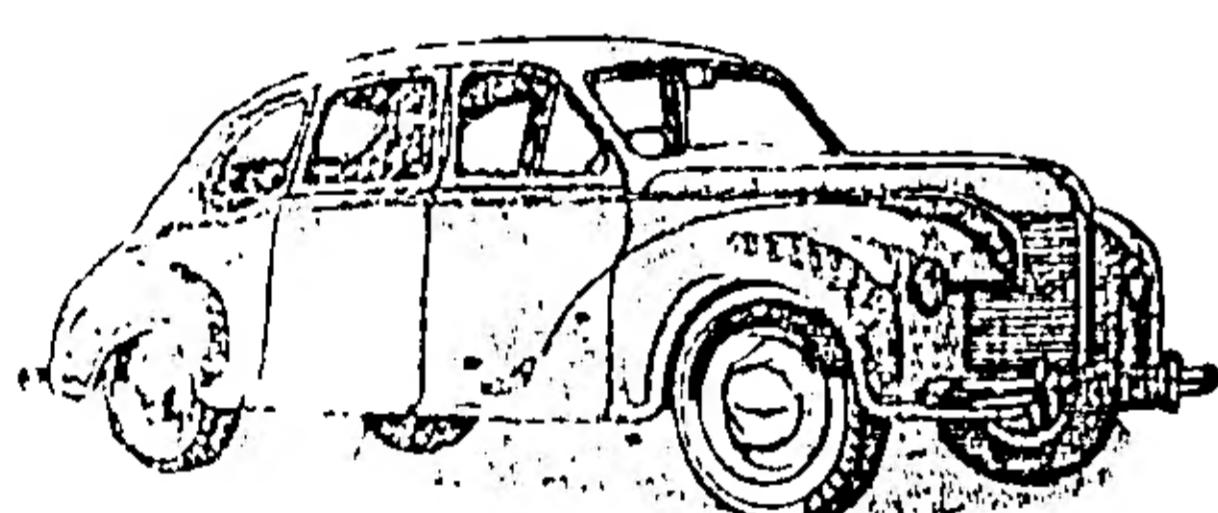
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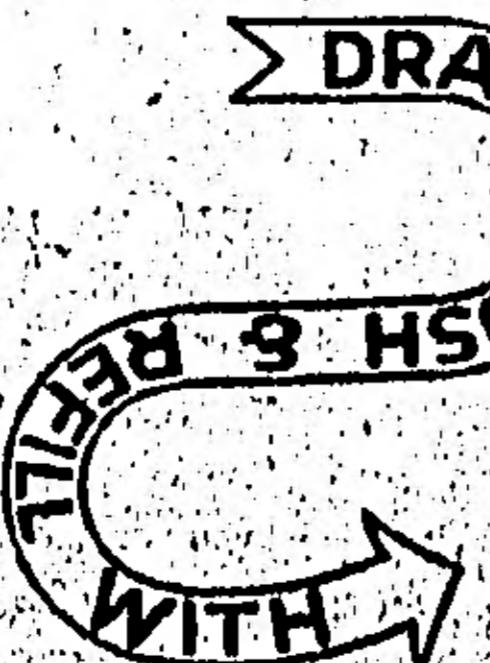


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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS



The popular Vauxhall Velox, the "big little" car which has proven itself to be an ideal car for Hong Kong. The 1950 model (above) continues to carry the same features as last year's model, with the exception of minor alterations.—"China Mail" photo.

Lively Vauxhall continues popular models this year

By Our Motoring Editor

Vauxhall, which entered the field of "big little" cars with two models last year, have found their Velox and Wyvern models so successful that they have carried them over this year with only minor alterations.

The 1950 Velox, which was tested by the "China Mail" recently, once again proves that the post-war Vauxhall is a lively and compact car, giving in addition the motorist the maximum in comfort.

The car also proved remarkable for its quiet running, and the only important modification for 1950 is the provision of a new steering gear which is intended to combine these qualities with greater precision of handling, particularly at higher speeds.

Another detailed improvement which reduces friction and increases the life of the steering gear is the provision of single ball bearings in the steering yokes.

The weight of the car is supported on a ball and socket below each king pin. Each ball is surrounded with oil and improved seals are provided to retain lubrication and exclude dirt and moisture.

It is claimed that these refinements reduce friction by about 75 per cent and considerably improve control in cross winds, besides giving a lighter and more positive touch to the steering.

The latest models have head lamps one inch larger in diameter than the old ones, and separate parking lamps are now set flush in the wings below the head lamps. On the cars produced for some months past the rear appearance has been changed by moving the number plate to a new bracket on the lid of the luggage locker, where it is separately illuminated, and by the provision of flush-mounted tail lamps nearer to the wings.

This allows greater flexibility to accommodate the various number plates used in foreign countries and indicates car width at night.

The most obvious change in the appearance of the latest Vauxhalls comes from the adoption of a new and attractive type of cellulose finish known as Metallochrome, which appears for the first time on a quantity-produced car.

This extraordinary finish has something of the quality of shot silk in that the colour appears to vary with the light and the angle from which it is viewed.

The grey, for example, seems to vary from grey to silver, and in

the shades there are hints of pink. Similar powers of tonal variety are found in the other colours, blue, fawn and green.

It is expected that local retouching to make good accidental damage will be easier with this finish than with ordinary colours. A variety of attractive new interior colour schemes has been evolved to tone with the new exterior body colours. Both models are upholstered in leather.

A water temperature gauge appears on the instrument panel instead of the ammeter, which is replaced by an ignition warning light.

Other improvements include the use of exhaust valves of XB steel with improved resistance to lead attack, longer rear spring gaiters with improved felt sealing, and rubber lined dovetails to prevent door rattles.

The Velox now has larger tyres of 5.90 x 15in section.

The Bantam has larger tyres of 5.90 x 15in section.

The most recent improvement is the introduction of a new front mudguard which is more effective in clearing spray from the road surface.

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Internal threat to Communist party in China

Neutral political observers are of the opinion that one of the gravest threats during the next few years to the Communist programme of creating a totalitarian China may come from within the Communist Party itself.

This threat is diversionism, which has already cropped up among the rank and file of the party and army. The existence of liberalism, democratic individualism, nationalistic patriotism and laxity in party and army discipline has been openly admitted by Communist newspapers.

"Incorrect" implementation of policies on the part of Communist administrative officials and a relaxation in the revolutionary spirit crystallised in the sentiment of "how that we have got it let's take it easy" have been reported.

In contradistinction to departure from the "party line" there is also what Communist leaders describe as "ultra-leftists" tendencies in adhering to the "party line," endangering the many deviant measures which the Communist high command are adopting to achieve their end of total domination.

Especially distasteful to the "ultra-leftists" are

The Communist deviant policies of "co-operation" with the so-called democratic parties and personalities in which these parties and personalities are given a share in the new political power and treated like "royal guests" in Peking and

2. The policy of permitting private business and industries in the urban areas.

Dislike of newcomers

One of the results of these policies is that many Communist who went through vents of hardship and danger in the revolutionary struggle found themselves being asked to continue to bear hardships and dangers while men who had not made any active contribution towards the revolution are given high official positions and a comfortable life.

This gave rise to the popular complaint among the "ultra-leftists" that "To be an old revolutionary is not as good as to be a new revolutionary. And to be a new revolutionary is not as good as to be a non-revolutionary."

This dislike of the new revolutionaries is evidenced in the action of lower-ranking Communist officials in adopting a "close door" policy in the admission of members to the New Democratic Youth Corps which, according to regulations laid down by the Communist high command, is open to youths of all creeds for indoctrination as potential members of the Communist Party.

In addition, there are signs of divergent sentiments on several basic political issues. For instance, one Communist member told this correspondent in a private conversation that new China would fight all imperialists including Soviet Russia if she is found to be also imperialistic. Such a sentiment of doubt about Soviet Russia taboo in the eyes of the doctrinaire Communists whose conviction is that Soviet Russia cannot be imperialistic.

Another instance is the belief of a high ranking Communist official in Nanking that the anti-United States policy of the new government is merely a "propaganda stunt" and not an unchangeable state policy. In a conversation with a friend of this correspondent, the official advised him to tell his American friends not to worry about the "propaganda stunt."

Rival cliques

There are also signs of cliqueism in the offing. These signs are most evident in the East China area, where for several months General Chen Yi's Third Field Army and Liu Po-chen's Second Field Army exercised joint control. There were known cases of wrestling for technical personnel between the two field army commands and also cases of wrestling for power between army commander Chen Yi's men and his political commissar Jao Shih-shin's men, and between the

Prime Minister, M. Alexander Diomedes, handed his resignation of his six-months' old Cabinet to King Paul when two of his Ministers resigned after Field Marshal Papagos announced his decision.

Field Marshal Papagos, who led the Greek contingent at Britain's Victory Parade of 1946, resigned suddenly because of remarks in a speech yesterday by the Populist Deputy Premier, M. Constantin Tsaldaris.

The War Minister, M. Panayotis Carellopoulos, a Populist, and Deputy Premier, M. Sophocles Venizelos, a Liberal, followed suit.

M. Venizelos has suggested to the Prime Minister that he advise King Paul to speed up the general elections, due next April to avoid agitation which might jeopardise the recovery effort.

M. Venizelos said he thought a 45-day pre-electoral campaign would be enough, if his suggestion is accepted by the King.

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U.S. interest in elections

The wonderful windfall from Australia has won American approval for all the British. We are being smiled upon and winked at. Christmas carols are being crooned in our special direction.

If the Americans had mastered the free-enterprise campaign themselves they could hardly be happier, and any minute now they expect Robert Menzies to be revealed as part-American himself, having a New York belle as mother and a rock-ribbed Yankee as grandfather.

The U.S. never relented to claim credit for anything worthwhile, is convincing itself that it played some part in electing the Labour Government and returning Mr. Menzies to power.

I am pleased and astonished at the enormous American interest in the Australian election. It was a front-page story right across the country and today is the subject of hundreds of editorials.

Out of hand

There is even a naive belief that once Britain's Socialists follow New Zealand's and Australia's into the discard the dollar problem will solve itself, prosperity will abound, and there will be limitless steaks, beer, cigarettes, petrol, and pensions for all English-speaking people.

This American enthusiasm is a bit out of hand. Already some big firms here have plunged deep into our election campaign under the mistaken impression that they have some claim in our affairs.

There are whole-page advertisements in newspapers and magazines headed "You can't eat hate" and saying: "The Socialists in England gloat over their success in destroying the rich," and worse.

This unsought advice and abuse could boomerang and help rather than handicap Britain's Labour Party. And a lot of space and attention is being given to visiting Tories with extreme views, who do the Conservatives more harm than good.

For instance, Mr. Cecil Palmer, described as an English writer and publisher, has been headlined in saying here: "Four years of Socialisation have left the British frustrated, regimented, undernourished, dispirited, and per-

Compensation for blockade runners

Taipei, January 6. The Chinese Communists have promised to reimburse shipping lines if their vessels are damaged in running the Nationalist blockade of Communist-held ports, according to well-informed sources.

These sources said the owners of the American ship Flying Arrow have been assured by the Communists that they would assume responsibility for damage to the vessel, or any injuries to crew.

A Chinese ship, which was shelled by the Nationalists, was paid compensation by the Communists, according to these sources.—Reuter.

heaps, the most miserable people on earth."

Who is Cecil Palmer? And what sort of man is he to run his own country and people down before an American audience?

He is a most miserable spokesman to send here. He does himself, his party, and his country direous disservice by this walling and weeping out of school.

Peace and good will have been lacking from the American scene this week, although we are all hung heavy with holly and mistletoe.

There has been another absurd scare over the atom bomb. In an outbreak of hysteria, deliberately whipped up by radio commentator Fulton Lewis Junior (with emphasis on the Junior), the late Harry Hopkins has been smeared as a tool of the Russians, who handed over atom bomb secrets to the Kremlin.

These charges have been investigated and proved groundless. First a dead man is smeared and then he is cleared. It has been a bad business and lot of people should feel ashamed.

The clearing of Hopkins's name has put more spirit into the Liberals. At last there is a mutiny against J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Thought Police.

For months young G-men have been quizzing and querying taxpayers on their own and their employers' political beliefs, reading hats, political companionship, likes and dislikes.

I have had agents call on me and ask whether an office girl I employ in the Daily Mail office read Karl Marx and expressed subversive views.

Bad business

When I asked what all this was to do with the G-men he said: "The girl has applied for a job as a Post Office clerk—all Government servants have to be investigated."

This nonsense has finally infuriated large sections of the population who believe it is their own business what books they read, which persons they meet, which politics they embrace, or what cocktails they drink.

I treated New York's water shortage jocularly last week, but it is no joke now. The shortage is approaching crisis. All building- and car-washing is banned, and there will be a test this week during which everyone will be asked not to use water for any purpose at all for three to six hours.

The city is in danger, and if its drain on the water supply continues there could be difficulty in handling a big fire.

There are prayers in churches: "Give us this day our daily bread and water." Tens of thousands of water warden have been mobilised to prevent waste.

Crime increase

Another menace facing New York is the greatly increased

number of crimes in the Underground railways.

There have been so many stabbings, slippings, and cases of robbery and assault that the subway police force has been doubled.

Crimes have increased by 68 per cent since 1939 and hundreds of thousands of petitions are being pushed under doors demanding action from the mayor, William O'Dwyer.

The mayor, recovering gradually from nervous and physical collapse, promises action. The proposal to increase his salary from 25,000 to 40,000 dollars a year has been received critically by the newspapers, but warmly by the public.

Heard around town: The latest evening fashions make every woman look like a lady—Lady Godiva.

Senators recently returned from Europe say their trips have made a hole in their expenses. There has been very little profit in them for the country, either.

Shirkers should remember that liberty can perish from erosion as well as from sudden earthquake.

I went to the farewell lunch for David Webster, of the Covent Garden Opera Trust, this week. We were there to do honour to Mr. Webster for the great triumph of the Soldier's Wall. Not hero.

Mr. Webster told it very much in his stride, and I hope we don't get too many weepers because of our ballet's colossal success.

Part of that success is due to the extraordinarily generous way in which American and Canadian audiences took it to their heart. We are the best, but even the best are only as good as their last performance.

The British comedy "Clutterbuck," an unashamed sex farce which explores the intimacies of illicit love, is delighting New York. Ben Levy should make a lot of dollars.

The play is particularly welcome, as Broadway is cluttered with serious messages, social subtleties, and four-jokers.

Footnote. — The latest score from Australia — two down and one to go.

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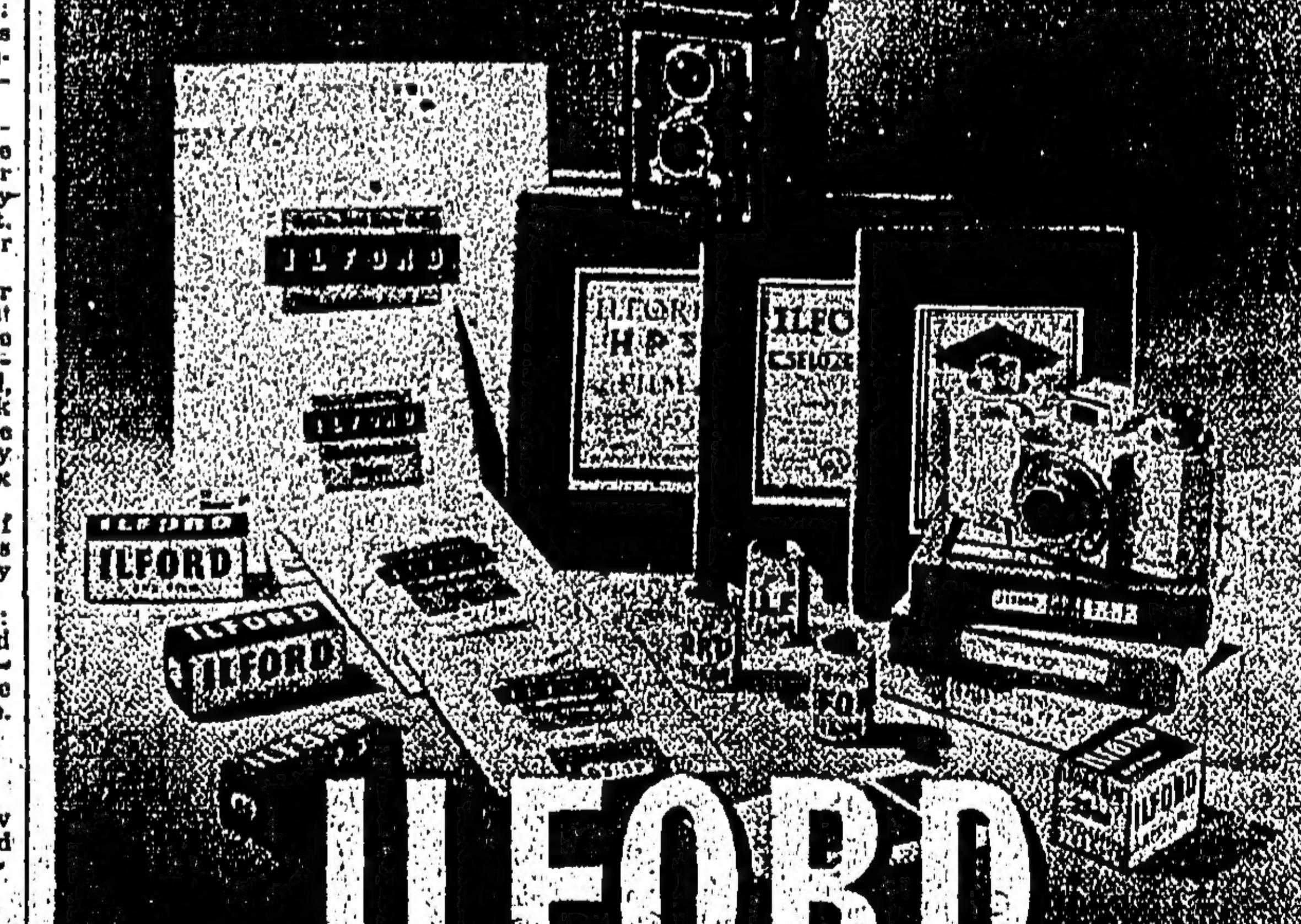
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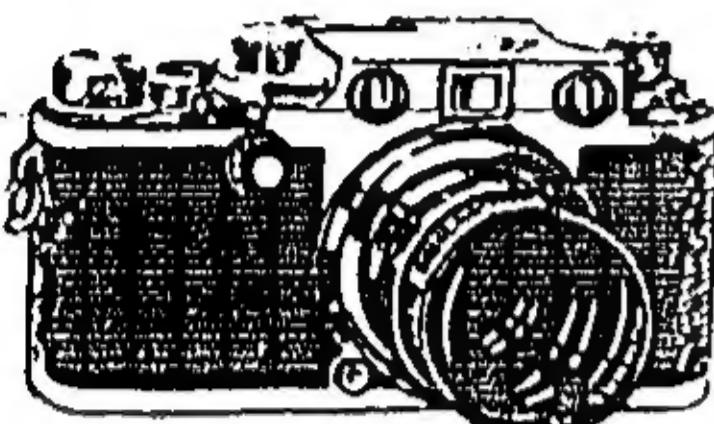
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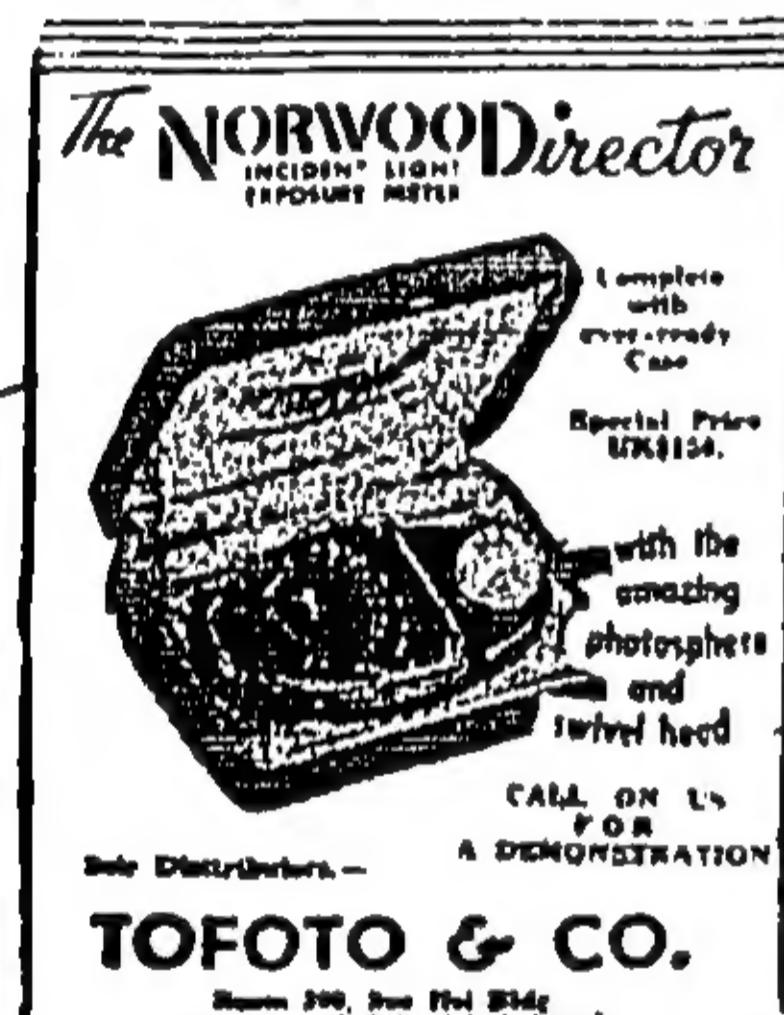


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Formal announcement of recognition made

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The selection of a new British ambassador to Peking, expected to be Mr. M. E. Duncan, head of the Foreign Office Far Eastern Department, will await the arrival of the British Ambassador, who died of stab wounds in Singapore on December 10.

Though Britain last night severed relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government, it was expected that the British Government would leave a consul in Taiwan on a de facto basis to look after local British interests in the same way that British consuls were left in parts of China under Communist control while Britain was in relations with the Nationalist Government.

The British consul would not be accredited to the Nationalist Government but would maintain de facto relations with the authorities actually administering Taiwan.

Roaction in Taipeh

Chinese Nationalist leaders in Taipeh received today's announcement of Britain's recognition of the Chinese Communists with bitterness and regret, adds a United Press despatch from Taipeh.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. George Yeh, issued the following statement: "I view with mingled regret and astonishment the phenomenon of Britain rushing to offer recognition to the puppet Peking Communist regime which could lay no valid claim to either full sovereignty or voluntary support of the greater majority of the Chinese people, which led the world in the institution of democracy should be among the first to have relations with a totalitarian regime of Aden must be a source of some disappointment to all believers of democracy in China and elsewhere. In view of this British action the Chinese government has no choice but to recall her diplomatic mission from Britain."

The Prime Minister, Yen Hsi-shan, also issued a brief statement. He said, "The British recognition came as no surprise to me. But it is regrettable in view of the long years of friendly relationship between China and Britain. As I have said many times before, the Chinese Communists is a creation of the Third International and cannot be considered an ally or friend of those countries pledged to fight aggression."

He declined comment on the possible consequences of the British action but said the purpose of the recognition could not be fulfilled.—Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

SYDNEY DOCK STRIKE SPREADS

Sydney, January 6. The Sydney dockers' strike spread today and threatened to paralyse the port and tie up all shipping. Thirty ships and a number of inter-state vessels were idle tonight. More than 3,500 men went on strike yesterday in a dispute over the employment of men who are not members of the Waterside Workers Federation, as first aid officers on overseas vessels.

The Overseas Shipping Representatives Association has refused to meet Federation representatives, claiming it is not bound to employ union members, since first aid men from other unions are available.—Reuter.

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Killers of Stewart sentenced

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Sibu, Sarawak: January 6. Two Malay youths were sentenced to death here today for the murder of Mr. Duncan Stewart, British Governor of Sarawak, who died of stab wounds in Singapore on December 10.

The two condemned men, Rosli Bin Obi, 10, and Morshidi Bin Sidek, 25, had pleaded guilty to stabbing the Governor as he inspected a children's guard of honour at Sibu on December 3.

After hearing the sentence, the two pleaded for clemency. Rosli said he would appeal to the Supreme Court at Kuching.

In evidence, the two accused said they were members of an organisation called the "Thirteen Essential Ingredients," formed with the aim of assassinating leading British officials.

They accused a Malay, now in prison pending an enquiry, of forming the organisation and of goading them to kill the governor.

Rosli's statement said he had dived at the governor with a knife, but missed him. He had then thrown the knife, and did not know whether it hit the governor or not.

Morshidi said he had "pretended to take a picture" while Rosli attacked the governor. He had then followed and drawn a knife, but was seized by the police.

A number of men named in the statements as members of the "Essential Ingredients" Organisation are in gaol awaiting an enquiry.—Reuter.

Murderer of father-in-law hanged

London: January 6. Daniel Raven, 23, was hanged here today for the murder of his father-in-law, after frenzied efforts to secure a reprieve had failed.

Late last night, Raven's father stated he had new evidence bearing on the case. It is understood that police inquiries into the information put forward by the father continued into the early morning, without yielding any result.

Raven was tried for the murder of his father-in-law, Mr. Leopold Goodman, and found guilty. Mr. Leopold Goodman and his wife were found battered to death last October, shortly after returning from a nursing home where they and Raven had visited his wife. She had given birth to a son four days before.—Reuter.

L.K. LITTLE LEAVES CMC POST

Taipei, January 6. More than 100 years of foreign control of the famed Chinese Maritime Customs ended Friday with departure of Inspector General L.K. Little for the United States.

Mr. Little was the first American to hold the post. He was appointed in 1943 after a succession of British Inspectors General.

He has been with the Customs service for 35 years.

Before leaving he urged strong United States action to prevent Chinese Communists from seizing Taiwan.—Associated Press.

Sit-down strike at rubber factory

Workers at the Continental Rubber Manufactory, Hunglou, Kowloon, went on a sit-down strike yesterday when their demand for a 40 per cent increase in wages was turned down.

The management offered 10 per cent which the workers flatly refused.

The workers had been on a "go-slow" since Wednesday. On the first day production fell by one-third, and on the next day it was sliced by one-half. Yesterday there was a complete sit-down.

The Continental Rubber Manufactory is one of the largest factories making rubber footwear in the Colony. Like other factories making rubber shoes, it has booked large orders, mostly for the United Kingdom, which should keep the factory working full time up to May.

The workers in this trade are in a particularly strong position at present, with all the factories booked up with orders for the next four months, and there is no dearth of work, owing to a shortage of skilled workers.

Indian policy towards Indo-China

New Delhi: January 6. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru said today that India's policy not to give official recognition to any government in Indo-China because parts of Indo-China are under one authority, and other parts under another authority.

"We cannot recognise any government as the government of Indo-China," he added. Mr. Nehru was replying to a question at his monthly press conference whether India would recognise the Bao Dai Government.

Asked whether India did not recognise French suzerainty over Indo-China, Mr. Nehru replied that the question arose only when Indian interests were concerned.

Matters relating to Indian interests in areas where the French Government had sway were referred by India to the French Government. It was no good referring them to other areas where they did not have any authority.

Asked whether the government of India had heard from the Chinese Communist Government since India's recognition of it last week, Mr. Nehru said: "We have not had any answer yet."

The Prime Minister, who made all his statements in reply to correspondents' questions, described Taiwan, where the Chinese Nationalist Government had its headquarters, as "a danger point." But he added: "One does not know what developments may take place. It is a complicated situation. I do not mean a danger point in the sense of war, or anything arising there on any big scale, but it is a matter which possibly may cause a great deal of friction and tension."—Reuter.

US LINES NOT RUNNING BLOCKADE

Manila, January 6. The United States Lines Company's branch office here said today that the shipping line's headquarters has issued instructions against trying to run the China blockade.—United Press.

TUGBOAT STRIKE

Baltimore, January 6. Thirty-eight tugboats went on strike today with 42 cargo ships in port, 21 of them foreign-owned. Three ships moved without tugs during the day.

Foreign vessels loading or unloading included three British and Swedish, four Norwegian, two Italian and one Danish.—Associated Press.

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